

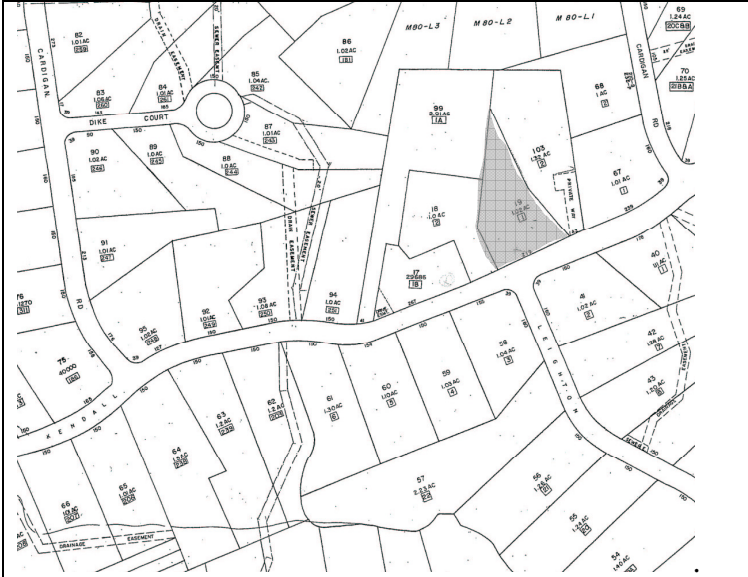
# FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

## Photograph



## Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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**Town:** Tewksbury

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*)

**Address:** 518 Kendall

**Historic Name:** Augustus M Kendall House

**Uses:** Present: Single-family Residential

Original: Single-family Residential

**Date of Construction:** 1871-1875

**Source:** Census Records and Historic Atlases

**Style/Form:** Italianate

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

Connected garage (1999-2009)

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):

Replacement Siding & Windows (late 20<sup>th</sup> cen)

Ell and Porch (2<sup>nd</sup> half 20<sup>th</sup> century)

**Condition:** Fair

**Moved:** no | X | yes | | **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acreage:** 1.02 acres

**Setting:** Set on an elevated lot in a formerly rural area, now heavily built-up with late 20<sup>th</sup> cen. residential construction.

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

TEWKSBURY

518 KENDALL ROAD

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\_\_\_ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

*If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

*Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.*

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

The residence at **518 Kendall Road** is a two-and-a-half story dwelling connecting by a series of ells to an attached garage to the east. The front gable and other gable roofs of the dwelling are clad in asphalt shingles. The rectangular building faces Kendall Road, is three by three bays and sheathed in wood clapboards. The side hall entrance is flanked by half-height sidelights and a simple entablature. A two story ell projects from the rear (north) of the house and connects to a one-story side ell. A secondary entrance facing east is accesses from the secondary porch that extends across the side ell. Primarily the fenestration is 6/6 double hung replacement sash windows, except for the fixed pane flanked by sash windows on the connecting one-story addition. The main portion of the house rests on a granite foundation. The walls are clad in vinyl siding. The house is located on a sloping lot. A high cut stone wall separates the raised lawn from the roadway.

The two-car garage is built up-on a concrete foundation. The one-and-a-half story walls of the garage are clad in vinyl siding. The gable end features four small square windows. A square cupola rests on the center of the roof's ridge.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

Locally believed to have been built c1890, census records and historic maps and atlases indicate the Italianate Style house at 518Kendall Road was constructed 1871-1875, probably c1871 when Augustus Kendall married his wife Abby. The house was built adjacent to the farmhouse of Seneca Kendall, Augustus' father and was owned by members of the Kendall [Kendal] family from 1871-1922. The Kendall family operated a saw mill on Strongwater Brook, and now Meadow Brook at the southeast outlet of what is now Ames Pond. The saw mill was in operation as late as 1889.

The earliest recorded owner<sup>1</sup> was Abby Kendall, who sold the property in 1922. The house at 518 Kendall Road was part of an large 83-acre farm owned by members of the Kendall family for over 140 years. Augustus Munren Kendall was born in 1832 to Seneca and Lydia Kendall of 496 Kendall Road (MHC# TEW.27). According to census records, Augustus Kendall was a farmer, had no surviving children, and occasionally had live-in help for the farm. In 1890, Augustus Kendall owned two houses, a barn, a carriage house, the family saw mill, 2 horses, 5 cows, a buggy, and 117-acres, including a 58-acre woodlot.

In 1907 when he sister Martha, who had resided in their parents house, died Augustus Kendall sold a share of the family farm to Monroe Kendall Fuller. Monroe Fuller (1883-1956) was a farmer, and son of Civil War veteran Lorenzo Fuller and his wife Caroline Trull. Caroline Trull was the daughter of Jesse L Trull of North Andover and the Lorenzo Fuller family lived on a 3-acre farm owned by Caroline's mother 1890-1900. The Federal Census of 1910 indicates the Monroe Fuller family was living next to Augustus and Abby Kendall. Augustus died 1916-1919 and his widow continued to live in their home. In 1920 Monroe Fuller defaulted on his mortgage and the Kendall farm was sold back to Abby Kendall. In 1922 Abby Kendall sold the farm and the homes at 496 and 518 Kendall Road to Jesse Marshall.

Jesse Ames Marshall was the wife of Andrew Marshall of Boston, the granddaughter of General Benjamin F Butler of Lowell, and the daughter of General Adelbert Ames (MHC# TEW.25). Jesse Marshall and her husband resided in Boston, where he worked as an attorney at Hutchins & Wheeler, now part of Nixon & Peabody. Jesse was active in the women's suffrage movement, an advocate for birth control, and a publisher of her famous family's correspondence. She published the private and

<sup>1</sup> Middlesex North Registry of Deeds. Book 1038, Page 412.

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official communications of General Benjamin F Butler and the family letters between her mother and father, Blanche Butler and Adelbert Ames. The Marshall's had four children and three live-in servants. They lived on South Street in Boston in the first quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and later moved c1930 to Rockwood Street, Boston. It is likely that the Tewksbury houses were used as a summer or vacation home where Jesse could be close to her parent's at 108 Catamount Street (MHC# TEW.25) and her sister Edith Ames Stevens at 190 Kendall Road (MHC# TEW.26). Jesse Marshall sold the houses and 83-acres in 1946.

The associated 83-acres of former Kendall farmland was subdivided in the 1960s for the development of Cardigan Street in 1969. The smaller lot associated with the dwelling was subdivided again in 1999.

Subsequent owners include: Howard Leighton (1946-1956); John Seekins, a engineer, and his wife Dorothy (1956-1980); Leonard and Anne Gustus (1980-1998); Richard and Donna Sullivan (1998-2000); Edward Balkam (2000-2002); and Lundy Carre and Laurie Warden (2002-2010).

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